

[Roll No. 21]

AYES—242

Abraham	Guinta	Perry
Aderholt	Guthrie	Pittenger
Allen	Hanna	Pitts
Amash	Hardy	Poe (TX)
Babin	Harper	Poliquin
Barletta	Harris	Pompeo
Barr	Hartzler	Posey
Barton	Heck (NV)	Price (GA)
Benishek	Hensarling	Ratcliffe
Billirakis	Herrera Beutler	Reed
Bishop (MI)	Hice (GA)	Reichert
Black	Hill	Renacci
Blackburn	Holding	Ribble
Blum	Hudson	Rice (SC)
Bost	Huelskamp	Rigell
Boustany	Huizenga (MI)	Roby
Brady (TX)	Hultgren	Roe (TN)
Brat	Hunter	Rogers (AL)
Bridenstine	Hurd (TX)	Rogers (KY)
Brooks (AL)	Hurt (VA)	Rohrabacher
Brooks (IN)	Issa	Rokita
Buchanan	Jenkins (KS)	Rooney (FL)
Buck	Jenkins (WV)	Ros-Lehtinen
Bucshon	Johnson (OH)	Roskam
Burgess	Johnson, Sam	Ross
Byrne	Jolly	Rothfus
Calvert	Jones	Rouzer
Carter (GA)	Jordan	Royce
Carter (TX)	Joyce	Russell
Chabot	Katko	Ryan (WI)
Chaffetz	Kelly (PA)	Salmon
Clawson (FL)	King (IA)	Sanford
Coffman	King (NY)	Scalise
Cole	Kinzinger (IL)	Schock
Collins (GA)	Kline	Schweikert
Collins (NY)	Knight	Scott, Austin
Comstock	Labrador	Sensenbrenner
Conaway	LaMalfa	Sessions
Cook	Lamborn	Shimkus
Costello (PA)	Lance	Shuster
Cramer	Latta	Simpson
Crawford	LoBiondo	Sinema
Crenshaw	Long	Smith (MO)
Culberson	Loudermilk	Smith (NE)
Curbelo (FL)	Love	Smith (NJ)
Davis, Rodney	Lucas	Smith (TX)
Denham	Luetkemeyer	Stefanik
Dent	Lummis	Stewart
DeSantis	MacArthur	Stivers
DesJarlais	Marchant	Stutzman
Diaz-Balart	Marino	Thompson (PA)
Dold	Massie	Thornberry
Duffy	McCarthy	Tiberi
Duncan (SC)	McCaul	Tipton
Duncan (TN)	McClintock	Trott
Ellmers	McHenry	Turner
Emmer	McKinley	Upton
Farenthold	McMorris	Valadao
Fincher	Rodgers	Wagner
Fitzpatrick	McSally	Walberg
Fleischmann	Meadows	Walden
Fleming	Meehan	Walker
Flores	Messer	Walorski
Forbes	Mica	Walters, Mimi
Fortenberry	Miller (FL)	Weber (TX)
Fox	Miller (MI)	Webster (FL)
Franks (AZ)	Moolenaar	Wenstrup
Frelinghuysen	Mooney (WV)	Westerman
Garrett	Mullin	Westmoreland
Gibbs	Mulvaney	Whitfield
Gibson	Murphy (PA)	Williams
Gohmert	Neugebauer	Wilson (SC)
Goodlatte	Newhouse	Wittman
Gosar	Noem	Womack
Gowdy	Nunes	Woodall
Granger	Olson	Yoder
Graves (GA)	Palazzo	Yoho
Graves (LA)	Palmer	Young (AK)
Graves (MO)	Paulsen	Young (IA)
Griffith	Pearce	Young (IN)
Grothman		Zeldin

NOES—180

Adams	Brown (FL)	Cicilline
Aguilar	Brownley (CA)	Clark (MA)
Ashford	Bustos	Clarke (NY)
Bass	Butterfield	Clay
Beatty	Capps	Clyburn
Becerra	Capuano	Cohen
Bera	Cardenas	Connolly
Beyer	Carney	Conyers
Bishop (GA)	Carson (IN)	Cooper
Blumenauer	Cartwright	Costa
Bonamici	Castor (FL)	Courtney
Boyle (PA)	Castro (TX)	Crowley
Brady (PA)	Chu (CA)	Cuellar

Cummings	Kildee	Pocan
Davis (CA)	Kilmer	Polis
Davis, Danny	Kind	Price (NC)
DeFazio	Kirkpatrick	Quigley
DeGette	Kuster	Rangel
Delaney	Langevin	Rice (NY)
DeLauro	Larsen (WA)	Richmond
DelBene	Larson (CT)	Roybal-Allard
DeSaulnier	Lawrence	Ruiz
Lee	Levin	Ruppersberger
Doggett	Lewis	Rush
Doyle (PA)	Lieu (CA)	Sánchez, Linda T.
Edwards	Lipinski	Sanchez, Loretta
Ellison	Loeb sack	Sarbanes
Engel	Lofgren	Schakowsky
Eshoo	Lowenthal	Schiff
Esty	Lowe	Schrader
Farr	Lujan Grisham	Scott (VA)
Fattah	(NM)	Scott, David
Foster	Luján, Ben Ray	Serrano
Frankel (FL)	(NM)	Sewell (AL)
Fudge	Lynch	Sherman
Gabbard	Maloney,	Sires
Gallego	Carolyn	Slaughter
Graham	Maloney, Sean	Smith (WA)
Grayson	Matsui	Speier
Green, Al	McCollum	Swalwell (CA)
Green, Gene	McDermott	Takai
Grijalva	McGovern	Takano
Gutiérrez	McNerney	Thompson (CA)
Hahn	Meeks	Thompson (MS)
Hastings	Meng	Tonko
Heck (WA)	Moore	Torres
Higgins	Moulton	Tsongas
Himes	Murphy (FL)	Van Hollen
Hinojosa	Nadler	Vargas
Honda	Napolitano	Veasey
Hoyer	Neal	Vela
Huffman	Nolan	Velázquez
Israel	Norcross	Visclosky
Jackson Lee	O'Rourke	Walz
Jeffries	Pallone	Waters, Maxine
Johnson (GA)	Pascrell	Watson Coleman
Johnson, E. B.	Payne	Welch
Kaptur	Pelosi	Wilson (FL)
Keating	Peters	Yarmuth
Kelly (IL)	Peterson	
Kennedy	Pingree	

NOT VOTING—11

Amodei	Garamendi	Wasserman
Bishop (UT)	Nunnelee	Schultz
Cleaver	Perlmutter	Zinke
Duckworth	Ryan (OH)	
	Titus	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1430

Mr. **DESAULNIER** changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

Ms. **STEFANIK** changed her vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore (Mr. **DENHAM**). The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 261, nays 160, answered “present” 1, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 22]

YEAS—261

Abraham	Allen	Babin
Adams	Amodei	Barletta

Barr	Guinta	Pelosi
Barton	Guthrie	Pingree
Beatty	Hardy	Pitts
Becerra	Harper	Pocan
Beyer	Harris	Polis
Billirakis	Hastings	Posey
Bishop (GA)	Heck (WA)	Price (NC)
Bishop (MI)	Hensarling	Quigley
Bishop (UT)	Higgins	Rangel
Black	Himes	Ribble
Blackburn	Hinojosa	Richmond
Blumenauer	Huelskamp	Roby
Bonamici	Hultgren	Roe (TN)
Boustany	Hunter	Rogers (AL)
Brady (TX)	Hurd (TX)	Rogers (KY)
Brat	Hurt (VA)	Rohrabacher
Bridenstine	Jeffries	Rokita
Brooks (AL)	Johnson (GA)	Roskam
Brooks (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Ross
Buchanan	Johnson, Sam	Rothfus
Bustos	Jolly	Rouzer
Butterfield	Katko	Royce
Byrne	Keating	Ruiz
Calvert	Kelly (IL)	Ruppersberger
Capps	Kelly (PA)	Russell
Cardenas	Kennedy	Ryan (WI)
Carson (IN)	Kildee	Salmon
Carter (TX)	King (IA)	Sanford
Cartwright	King (NY)	Scalise
Castro (TX)	Kline	Schiff
Chabot	Knight	Schock
Chu (CA)	Kuster	Schweikert
Cicilline	Labrador	Scott (VA)
Cielline	LaMalfa	Scott, Austin
Clark (MA)	Lamborn	Scott, David
Clay	Larsen (WA)	Sensenbrenner
Cole	Larson (CT)	Sessions
Collins (NY)	Lawrence	Sherman
Comstock	Lieu (CA)	Shimkus
Conyers	Lipinski	Shuster
Cook	Loeb sack	Simpson
Cooper	Lofgren	Sinema
Courtney	Long	Loudermilk
Cramer	Loudermilk	Love
Crawford	Love	Lowenthal
Crenshaw	Lucas	Smith (TX)
Cuellar	Luetkemeyer	Smith (WA)
Culberson	Lujan Grisham	Speier
Cummings	(NM)	Stefanik
Curbelo (FL)	Luján, Ben Ray	Stewart
Davis (CA)	(NM)	Stutzman
Davis, Danny	Lummis	Takai
DeGette	Maloney,	Takano
DeLauro	Carolyn	Thornberry
DelBene	Marino	Tonko
Dent	Massie	Torres
DesJarlais	Matsui	Trott
Deutch	McCarthy	Tsongas
Diaz-Balart	McCaul	Upton
Doggett	McClintock	Van Hollen
Doyle (PA)	McCollum	Vela
Duncan (SC)	McHenry	Wagner
Duncan (TN)	McMorris	Walden
Edwards	Rodgers	Walorski
Ellison	McNerney	Walters, Mimi
Emmer	McSally	Walz
Engel	Meadows	Wasserman
Eshoo	Meng	Schultz
Esty	Messer	Watson Coleman
Farr	Mica	Webster (FL)
Fattah	Miller (FL)	Welch
Fleischmann	Miller (MI)	Wenstrup
Fortenberry	Moolenaar	Westerman
Foster	Mooney (WV)	Westmoreland
Frankel (FL)	Moulton	Whitfield
Franks (AZ)	Mullin	Williams
Frelinghuysen	Murphy (PA)	Wilson (FL)
Gabbard	Nadler	Wilson (SC)
Gibbs	Napolitano	Wittman
Goodlatte	Neugebauer	Womack
Gosar	Noem	Yarmuth
Gowdy	Nunes	Yoho
Graham	O'Rourke	Young (IA)
Granger	Olson	Young (IN)
Graves (LA)	Palmer	Zeldin
Grayson	Pascrell	Zinke
Grothman		

NAYS—160

Aderholt	Brownley (CA)	Clawson (FL)
Aguilar	Buck	Clyburn
Amash	Bucshon	Coffman
Ashford	Burgess	Cohen
Bass	Capuano	Collins (GA)
Benishek	Carney	Conaway
Bera	Carter (GA)	Connolly
Bost	Castor (FL)	Costa
Boyle (PA)	Chaffetz	Costello (PA)
Brady (PA)	Clarke (NY)	Crowley

Davis, Rodney	Jenkins (WV)	Poe (TX)
DeFazio	Johnson (OH)	Poliquin
Delaney	Jones	Price (GA)
Denham	Jordan	Ratcliffe
DeSantis	Joyce	Reed
DeSaulnier	Kaptur	Reichert
Dingell	Kilmer	Renacci
Dold	Kind	Rice (NY)
Duffy	Kinzinger (IL)	Rice (SC)
Ellmers	Kirkpatrick	Rigell
Farenthold	Lance	Rooney (FL)
Fincher	Langevin	Ros-Lehtinen
Fitzpatrick	Latta	Roybal-Allard
Fleming	Lee	Rush
Flores	Levin	Sánchez, Linda T.
Forbes	Lewis	Sanchez, Loretta
Fox	LoBiondo	Sarbanes
Fudge	Lowey	Schakowsky
Galleo	Lynch	Schrader
Garrett	MacArthur	Sewell (AL)
Gibson	Maloney, Sean	Sires
Graves (GA)	Marchant	Smith (MO)
Graves (MO)	McDermott	Stivers
Green, Al	McGovern	Swalwell (CA)
Green, Gene	McKinley	Thompson (CA)
Griffith	Meehan	Thompson (MS)
Gutiérrez	Meeks	Thompson (PA)
Hahn	Moore	Tiberi
Hanna	Mulvaney	Tipton
Hartzler	Murphy (FL)	Turner
Heck (NV)	Neal	Valadao
Herrera Beutler	Newhouse	Vargas
Hice (GA)	Nolan	Veasey
Hill	Norcross	Velázquez
Holding	Nugent	Visclosky
Honda	Palazzo	Walberg
Hoyer	Pallone	Walker
Hudson	Paulsen	Waters, Maxine
Huffman	Payne	Weber (TX)
Huizenga (MI)	Pearce	Woodall
Israel	Perry	Yoder
Issa	Peters	Young (AK)
Jackson Lee	Peterson	
Jenkins (KS)	Pittenger	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—11

Blum	Grijalva	Slaughter
Cleaver	Nunnelee	Titus
Duckworth	Perlmutter	
Garamendi	Pompeo	
	Ryan (OH)	

□ 1437

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 27 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 185.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1439

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, with Mr. WESTMORELAND in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The American people are now four elections and more than 6 years into the worst period after an economic crisis since the Great Depression. Despite some encouraging recent signs, jobs have not truly recovered. Wages have definitely not recovered. The rate of new business startups has not recovered. Instead, permanent exits from the labor force are at historic levels, real wages have fallen, and dependency on government assistance has increased. People have been giving up because they can't find a confident path forward.

In this recovery, we are not recovering; we are losing something precious. We are losing what has allowed this Nation to contribute more to human happiness than any other nation in history. We are losing the opportunity to live the American Dream. What is that dream? It is the dream that if you work hard, if you take responsibility for your life, if you reach for the opportunity that your human potential makes possible, you will be free to succeed. You will be free to pursue your happiness. And as you achieve that happiness, your children will have a better chance in life than you did.

All across this country, people who have been struggling, people whose jobs and wages have been disappearing, people who have been leaving the labor pool for the dependency pool, people who have seen no way possible to start a new business, can feel in their bones that this American Dream, the dream that they cherish and their children need, is slipping away.

What is killing the American Dream?

It is not ordinary Americans. It is not foreign enemies. It is not global phenomena. It is not natural disasters. More than anything else, it is the endless drain of resources that takes working people's hard-earned wages to Washington, and Washington's endless erection of regulatory roadblocks in the path of opportunity and growth.

Today, the combined economic burden of Federal taxation and regulation is over \$3 trillion, almost 20 percent of our economy. Of that, the larger part is the burden of regulation—now estimated to reach at least \$1.86 trillion. That Federal regulatory burden is larger than the 2013 gross domestic product of all but the top 10 countries in the world. It is half the size of Germany's entire gross domestic product. It is more than one-third the size of Japan's. Most important, that burden is \$15,000 per American household, nearly 30 percent of average household income in 2013.

No one says we need no regulation, but who can credibly say we need regulation that costs this much.

□ 1445

America cannot possibly retain its competitive position in the world and

create opportunity and prosperity for all Americans if the Federal Government continues to drop such a crushing weight on our economy.

My Regulatory Accountability Act addresses head on the problem of endlessly escalating, excessive Federal regulatory costs, and it addresses it in clear, commonsense ways that we can all support because it is based on principles proven in bipartisan practice from Presidents of both parties since Ronald Reagan.

What are those principles? Here are some of the most important: require agencies to choose the lowest cost rule-making alternative that meets statutory objectives; if needed to protect public health, safety, or welfare, allow flexibility to choose costlier rules, but make sure the added benefits justify the added costs; improve public outreach and agency factfinding to identify better, more efficient regulatory alternatives; require agencies to use the best reasonably-obtainable science; provide on-the-record but streamlined administrative hearings in the highest-impact rulemakings—those that impose \$1 billion or more in annual costs—so interested parties can subject critical evidence to cross-examination; require advanced notice of proposed major rulemakings to increase public input before costly agency positions are proposed and entrenched; strengthen judicial review of new agency regulations to make sure the Federal Courts can enforce these requirements.

In a nutshell, this bill says to every agency: Fulfill the statutory goals the United States Congress has set for you. Protect health. Protect safety. Protect consumers. Protect the vulnerable. You are free to do that, and you should do that whenever Congress gives you those orders, but as you achieve those goals, make sure you do it with better public input, better-tested information, and in the least-costly way.

The minute this bill becomes law, what will start to happen? America will start to save hundreds of billions of dollars it doesn't need to spend. That is real money that can be put to better use creating jobs and wages for our constituents, real money that hardworking Americans can use to start and grow their own businesses, real money that can be used to restore the American Dream, all without stopping a single needed regulation from being issued.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Members of the House, I strongly oppose H.R. 185, the so-called Regulatory Accountability Act. Under the guise of attempting to improve the regulatory process, H.R. 185 will, in truth, undermine that process. It invites increased industry intervention and imposes more than 60–6–0—new analytical requirements that could add years to the regulatory process.